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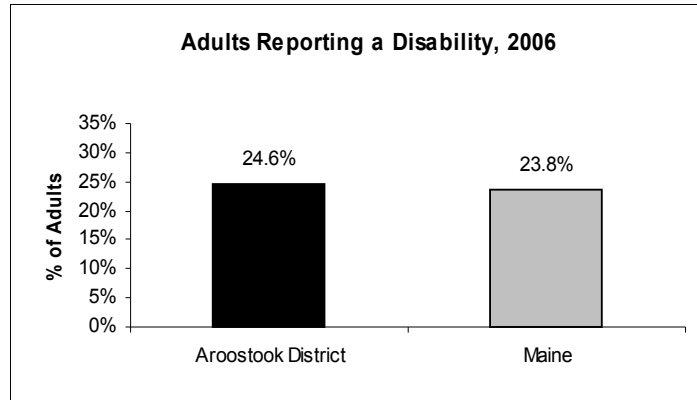
Demographics

Disability

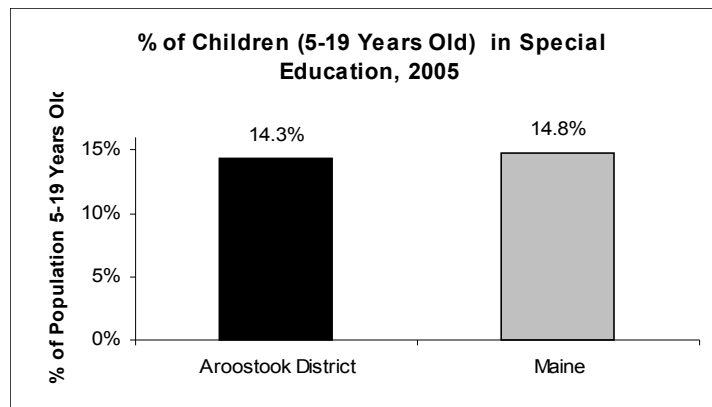
Having a disability is associated with higher rates of poverty, unemployment, physical inactivity, obesity, pain, sleeplessness, depression and anxiety. Many people with disabilities have inadequate medical access and care and experience social exclusion.

Disability types and definitions vary. The definition used here for an adult with disabilities is someone who has an activity limitation or a health problem requiring special equipment. In this document, we have selected children in special education as a proxy for disability status.

For more information about adults with disability in Maine, contact the Office of Adults with Cognitive and Physical Disability Services at www.maine.gov/dhhs/OACPDS/DS/. The Maine CDC's program, Children with Special Health Needs, can provide more information on children and disabilities at www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/cshn/.



Source: 2006 BRFSS; Disability defined as either having a health problem requiring special equipment or having activity limitation due to a physical, mental, or emotional health problem.



Source: 2005 Maine Department of Education, 2005 Census: % of 5-19 year olds who are in special education

	Aroostook District Percent (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Percent (± Margin of Error)
Adults Who Report Having a Disability ¹	24.6 (±7.3)	23.8 (±1.6)
Children (5-19 Years Old) Who Are in Special Education ²	14.3 (±0.6)	14.8 (±0.2)

1. Source: 2006 BRFSS; Reported either having a health problem requiring special equipment or having activity limitation due to a physical, mental, or emotional health problem.
2. Source: 2005 Maine Department of Education, 2005 Census: % of 5-19 year olds who are in special education; based on county of residence of child